

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A device enclosure comprising:
2 a thermo-siphon device embedded in an enclosure skin.

- 1 2. The device of claim 1, wherein the device is an electronic
2 device.

- 1 3. The device of claim 2, wherein the device enclosure is a
2 computer chassis.

- 1 4. The device of claim 1, wherein the device is a non-
2 electronic device.

- 1 5. The device of claim 1, wherein the thermo-siphon device is
2 a heat pipe.

- 1 6. The device of claim 1, wherein the thermo-siphon device is
2 a strip of a high efficiency conduit material.

- 1 7. The device of claim 1, wherein the thermo-siphon device is
2 an integral part of the skin.

- 1 8. The device of claim 7, wherein the thermo-siphon device is
2 embedded in the skin during the manufacturing process of the skin.

- 1 9. The device of claim 1, wherein the skin is fabricated from a
2 metallic material.

1 10. The device of claim 1, wherein the thermo-siphon device is
2 embedded in a skin cavity.

1 11. The device of claim 10, wherein the cavity is created during
2 a fabrication process of the skin.

1 12. The device of claim 1, wherein the skin partially encloses
2 the thermo-siphon device.

1 13. The device of claim 12, wherein a portion of the thermo-
2 siphon device is exposed to an interior of the enclosure.

1 14. The device of claim 12, wherein a portion of the thermo-
2 siphon device is exposed to a heat sink.

1 15. The device of claim 1, wherein the thermo-siphon device is
2 not an integral part of the skin.

1 16. The device of claim 15, wherein the thermo-siphon device
2 can be inserted and removed from a skin cavity by accessing the interior
3 of the enclosure.

1 17. The device of claim 1, wherein the thermo-siphon device is
2 secured to a skin cavity through the means selected from the group
3 consisting of a support provided by skin cavity walls, a thermal epoxy,
4 and an interference fit with the skin cavity.

1 18. The device of claim 1, wherein a metallic plate interfaces a
2 heat source with the thermo-siphon device.

1 19. A system comprising:
2 a housing including a thermo-siphon device embedded in a
3 housing skin.

1 20. The system of claim 19, wherein the thermo-siphon device
2 is a heat pipe.

1 21. The system of claim 19, wherein the thermo-siphon device
2 is a strip of high efficiency conduit material.

1 22. The system of claim 19, wherein the housing is a computer
2 chassis.

1 23. The system of claim 19, wherein the thermo-siphon device
2 is an integral part of the housing skin.

1 24. A computer chassis comprising:
2 a thermo-siphon device embedded in a computer chassis
3 skin.

1 25. The computer chassis of claim 24, wherein the thermo-
2 siphon device is a heat pipe.

1 26. The computer chassis of claim 24, wherein the computer
2 chassis is a notebook computer base.

1 27. The computer chassis of claim 24, wherein the thermo-
2 siphon device is an integral part of the skin.

1 28. The computer chassis of claim 27, wherein the thermo-
2 siphon device is embedded in the skin during the manufacturing process
3 of the skin.

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